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1. HERewith FULL TEXT JUNE GOODWIN PAGE THREE BY-LINER
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16 HEADED
"KISSINGER'S IMPACT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA -- RHODESIA'S
REACTION THE BIG QUESTION; TANZANIA PRESSES U.S. FOR
STAND."

2. BLACK AND WHITE MANEUVERING INTENSIFIED IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA AS U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER HELD
TALKS IN TANZANIA WITH PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE.

3. DAR ES SALAAM, THE TANZANIAN CAPITAL, WAS DR. KISSIN-
GER'S FIRST STOP ON HIS AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC SHUTTLE.

4. UNDERSCORING THE DIFFICULTY OF THE ISSUES, DR. KISSIN-
GER WAS MET ON HIS ARRIVAL BY A GROUP OF ABOUT 100 STUDENTS
HOLDING PLACARDS THAT READ "KISSINGER A POLITICAL MERCENARY"
AND "WE OPPOSE SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY." PRESIDENT NYERERE DID
NOT BAN PROTESTS AS HE HAD WHEN DR. KISSINGER WAS IN TAN-
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ZANIA LAST APRIL.

5. THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT ALREADY HAD PUT A DAMPENER ON

ANY OPTIMISM THAT MIGHT BE GENERATED BY THE KISSINGER SHUTTLE BY ISSUING A STATEMENT CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES TO DECLARE ITSELF ON THE SIDE OF THE GUERRILLA FIGHTERS SHOULD THIS U.S. INITIATIVE FAIL AND HOSTILITIES CONTINUE.

6. "WHY CANNOT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SAY THAT IF A PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF POWER IS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE INTRANSIGENCE OF THE RACISTS, THEN IT WILL BE ON THE SIDE OF THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM?" THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT ASKED.

7. "THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS DO NOT WANT NON-AFRICAN FORCES FROM ANYWHERE. ALL THEY WANT IS THE WHEREWITHAL TO CONDUCT THEIR OWN FIGHT."

8. ON THE BLACK SIDE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, A BIG DRAWBACK TO ANY PEACE INITIATIVE IS THE FURTHER FRACTURING OF RHODESIA'S BLACK NATIONALIST LEADERSHIP. NO ONE POLITICAL LEADER STANDS OUT, AND THE MILITARY BRANCH BASED IN MOZAMBIQUE APPEARS DETERMINED TO FIGHT ON.

9. BUT THE PARAMOUNT QUESTION ON THIS TRIP IS: WHAT IS RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH GOING TO DO ABOUT THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE? WILL HE CONCEDE TO EVENTUAL BLACK-MAJORITY RULE (WHICH IS PROVIDED FOR IN HIS CONSTITUTION) SO THAT HE CAN TALK TO DR. KISSINGER?

10. MR. SMITH HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY BEGGING TO TALK TO THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE. HE IS CONVINCED THAT IF HE CAN PUT THE WHITE RHODESIAN CASE, DR. KISSINGER WILL UNDERSTAND.

11. THEREFORE THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT AT PRESENT IS THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RHODESIAN FRONT PARTY, WHICH IS BEING HELD IN UMTALI, RHODESIA.

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12. MR. SMITH CARRIED TO THIS MEETING, BEING HELD BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, DR. KISSINGER'S PROPOSALS FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THEY HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO HIM BY SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER IN A 4 1/2-HOUR MEETING HELD IN PRETORIA, THE SOUTH AFRICAN CAPITAL SEPT. 14.

13. WHAT THE RHODESIAN FRONT DOES ABOUT THE PROPOSALS

AND WHETHER MR. SMITH CAN REPLACE THE CURRENT HARD-LINE HEAD OF THE PARTY, DES FROST, WITH A Milder POLITICIAN, W. M. KNOX, WILL LARGELY DETERMINE WHETHER DR. KISSINGER'S RHODESIAN INITIATIVE WILL SUCCEED OR FLOP.

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14. POSSIBLY AS AN INDICATION THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET SOME OF THE AMERICAN DEMANDS, MR. SMITH RECENTLY SHIFTED HIS RIGHT-WING DEFENSE MINISTER, PIETER VAN DER BYL, TO HEAD FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MR. VAN DER BYL DID NOT ACCOMPANY MR. SMITH TO SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE TALKS WITH MR. VORSTER.

15. IN JOHANNESBURG, THE FINAL DAY OF A THREE-DAY STRIKE SAW THOUSANDS OF BLACK WORKERS REMAINING AT HOME.

16. MEANWHILE, MANY OF CAPE TOWN'S 200,000 NONWHITE WORKERS BEGAN A TWO-DAY WORK BOYCOTT. END TEXT. HABIB

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